

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Public Inquiry Concerning the
Terms of 39 U.S.C. 404(d)

Docket No. PI2016-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO EXTEND COMMENT DEADLINE

(Issued January 28, 2016)

The Postal Service seeks an extension of time in which to file initial and reply comments in the above-captioned docket.¹ On December 10, 2015, in Order No. 2862, the Commission established January 29, 2016, and February 23, 2016, as the dates to submit initial and reply comments in this docket, respectively.² The Postal Service seeks to extend the initial and reply comment deadlines five additional business days to February 5, 2016, and March 1, 2016, respectively. Motion at 1, 2. The Postal Service states, due to the extreme weather conditions in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, Postal Service Headquarters was closed January 25, 2016, and experienced staff shortages January 26-27, 2016. *Id.* at 1.

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to File Initial Comments, January 27, 2016, at 1 (Motion).

² Notice and Order Seeking Comments on Commission Jurisdiction Over Postal Service Determinations to Close or Consolidate Post Offices, December 10, 2015, at -9-10 (Order No. 2862).

The Postal Service states it has contacted the Public Representative, who does not oppose either extension request. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service believes the extension of the initial and reply comment deadlines should not delay the proceedings or adversely affect any participant. *Id.*

The requested extensions were precipitated by uncontrollable natural causes and will not prejudice any person or party, therefore, the Commission grants the Motion. To provide interested persons an opportunity to file comments, the date to file initial comments is extended to February 5, 2016, and the date to file reply comments is extended to March 1, 2016.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service's Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to File Initial Comments, filed January 27, 2016, is granted.
2. The Commission extends the date for filing initial comments from January 29, 2016, to February 5, 2016.
3. The Commission extends the date for filing reply comments from February 23, 2016, to March 1, 2016.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary